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War Department
Office of Assistant Secretary of War
Strategic Services Unit (SSU)

Organizational Chronology

- 1) 1 October 1945 - GO #1 assumes command as Director, SSU 25X1
- 2) 12 October 1945 - GO #2 General Reorganization: Consolidated OSS organization to expedite liquidation; eliminate operations; elevates personnel
- 3) Specific Liquidation Actions

(Date)	(Order No.)	(Organization Element)	(Action)
8 November 1945	GO #3	Secretariat	Established a Cable Control Section
9 November 1945	GO #4	Special Operations	Transferred to SI Effective 15 Nov. 1945
		Special Projects	Terminated Effective 15 Nov. 1945
		Operational Group Command	Terminated Effective 25 Nov. 1945
		Morale Operations	Transferred to SI Effective 25 November 1945
9 November 1945	GO #5	Assistant Director Intelligence	* Absorbed into Director's Office Effective 1 Nov. 45
		Office of Deputy Director	Established
		Schools and Training) Censorship & Documents) Communications)	Report to Act'g Deputy Director pending re-organization into Office of Operational Aux- illaries

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		Operational Gp. Commd) Field Experimental Unit) Field Photo. Branch) Special Operations Br.) Morale Operations Br.) Special Projects Br.) Research & Develop. Br.)	Until liquidation or otherwise disposed of, report to Acting Deputy Director
14 November 1945	GO #6	Field Experimental Unit	Terminated Effective 15 Nov. 1945
		Research and Development	Terminated Effective 25 Nov. 1945
19 November 1945	GO #7	Directors Office	Redefines Org. and functions (See Para I of GO #10)
		Secret Intelligence) X-2)	Organized for pur- poses of operations into identical area divisions and country sections
26 November 1945	GO #8	Field Photographic Br.	Terminated Effective 30 Nov. 1945
28 November 1945	GO #9	Asst. Director for Personnel	Change Title of Chief of Personnel
		Asst. Director for Services	Change title to Chief of Services
4)	10 December 1945 -	GO #10 General Reorganization which con- solidated liquidation action described above.	
5)	4 April 1946	GO #11	 assumes Command 25X1 and became second director of SSU.
6)	17 June 1946	GO #13 - General Reorganization Further streamlined organization by (a) combining Exec office to Administration and by eliminat- ing three Staff Division. (b) Combining SI and X-2 into a new organization, Foreign Security Reports Office, and providing an	

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independent Planning and Steering Staff to advise and assist the new merged organization.

7) Terminal Actions
2 October 1946-

GO #15 - Established OSS History Project in Office of Director

19 October 1946 -

GO #16 Terminates SSU Operations

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Hdqtrs	SSU CIG	FI DDP	regulations SSU-G.O.'s	1 Oct. '45
	War OSS	CI SUP	organization	to
	OSO		liquidation	19 Oct. '46
			functions	

IDENTIFICATION OF DOCUMENT

One folder containing copies of General Orders 1 through 16 issued by the Strategic Services Unit of the War Department for the full period of its existence.

ABSTRACT NOTATION REFERENCES

Copies of sixteen General Orders covering the period of SSU existence. Shows three basic reorganizations, liquidation of OSS units, and preservation of the espionage and counterespionage organization for eventual incorporation into the new OSO/CIG.

Folder contains an organizational chronology and an index to organizational documents, prepared by HS/CSG.

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